

JC08 Rec'd PCT/PTO 0 4 APR 2001

#5A/

Markku RAJALA et al.

Atty Docket: 0386/00294

Art Unit: To be assigned

Examiner: To be assigned

.....

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

Please amend the following claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The method according to claim1, characterized in that outside the flame formed by means of a fuel gas, a gas is supplied which is used to reduce the effect of external factors in the reaction.

1